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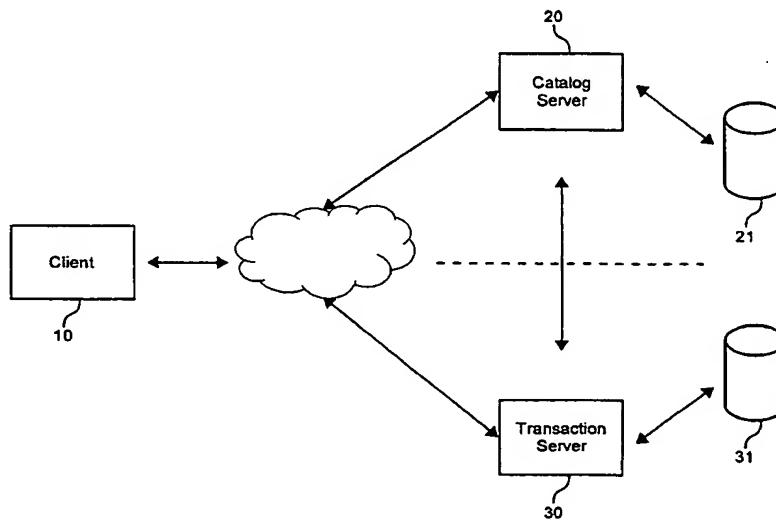
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(57) **Abstract:** A method of processing an online transaction over a communication network, comprises the steps of: storing a plurality of objects comprising object data and object attributes containing further information about the object in a catalog server accessible by a plurality of clients, displaying, upon request from a client, an object including object attributes on a client display, and executing, on a transaction server, a transaction relating to an object selected by the client using the information contained in the object attributes, wherein the object attributes are transmitted directly from the catalog server to the transaction server without client interaction. All information necessary for the transaction can therefore be transmitted from the catalog server to the transaction server. The user, however, has no possibility to change these transmitted data.

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